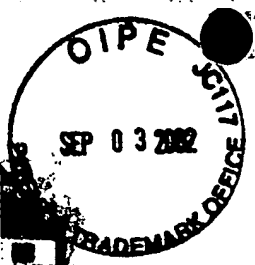




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Sir:

With regard to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, please consider the following:

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1. (amended) An oxygen mask having an improved means for being secured over the nose and mouth of a patient, the improvement comprising: a pair of elastic bands, both ends of each pair affixed at points of attachment to each of both sides of said mask, said bands extendible to loop over and around each ear of the patient and adjustably securable to said patient by pulling the ends anteriorally through said points of attachment.

Please cancel claim 4.

Remarks/Arguments